KINGS BEACH COMMERCIAL CORE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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Draft Environmental Assessment (NEPA)/ Environmental Impact Report (CEQA)/ Environmental Impact Statement (TRPA)

Volume 1 of 4: Report

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

What's in this document:

The Placer County Department of Public Works (Tahoe Design Division) (DPW) has prepared this draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)/draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)/draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Each of the alternatives involves improvements to State Route 28 and associated pedestrian, bicycle, and parking facilities within the Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Area, located in Placer County, California.

This document has been prepared for review by Placer County departments and state and federal agencies that will play a role in the certification of the environmental document. The Federal Highway Administration is the federal lead agency under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), with the California Department of Transportation acting as liaison and providing oversight for the NEPA process. Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Placer County is the lead agency, while the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) is the lead agency responsible for certification of the document pursuant to its regional plan.

This document examines the potential environmental effects of the alternatives being considered. The DEA has been prepared to meet the requirements of the NEPA, the DEIR to meet the requirements of the CEQA, and the DEIS to meet requirements established by TRPA. The document describes each project alternative, explains why each alternative is being proposed, and describes the existing environment that could be affected by the proposed action; the potential impacts from each of the alternatives; and the proposed avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures.

What you should do:

- Please read this DEA/DEIR/DEIS. Additional copies of this document, as well as the technical studies, are available for review at the DPW and other public institutions including libraries, community centers, and other locations. These locations include:
 - O Kings Beach Library, 301 Secline Drive, Kings Beach, CA 96143, (530) 546-2021
 - O Tahoe City Library, 740 North Lake Boulevard, Tahoe City, CA 96145, (530) 583-3382
 - O Public Works Tahoe Design Division, 10825 Pioneer Trail, Suite 105, Truckee, CA 96161, (530) 581-6238
 - O Community Development Resource Agency Engineering and Surveying Department, 565 West Lake Boulevard, Tahoe City, CA 96145, (530) 581-6227
 - O North Tahoe Conference Center, 8318 North Lake Boulevard, Kings Beach, CA 96143, (530) 546-7249
 - O North Tahoe Business Association, 8645 North Lake Boulevard, Kings Beach, CA 96143, (530) 546-9000
 - O North Tahoe Public Utility District, 875 National Avenue, Tahoe Vista, CA 96148, (530) 546-4212.

- The document is also available on the Internet at: http://www.placer.ca.gov/Works/Projects/KingsBeach.aspx. Information regarding public meetings for the proposed action will also be available on this site.
- We welcome your comments. If you have any comments regarding the proposed action, please attend a public meeting/workshop and/or send your written comments to DPW by the end of the comment period on May 24, 2007. The following public meetings/workshops have been scheduled, with Spanish translations services available at all meetings/workshops:
 - O April 25, 2007 at the North Tahoe Conference Center, 8318 North Lake Boulevard, Kings Beach, CA 96143, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 - O May 1, 2007 at the North Tahoe Conference Center, 8318 North Lake Boulevard, Kings Beach, CA 96143, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 - May 2, 2007 at the Kings Beach Elementary School, 8125 Steelhead Road, Kings Beach, CA 96143, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in Spanish.
 - O May 15, 2007 at the North Tahoe Conference Center, 8318 North Lake Boulevard, Kings Beach, CA 96143, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 - O May 29, 2007 at the North Tahoe Conference Center, 8318 North Lake Boulevard, Kings Beach, CA 96143, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Submit comments via postal mail or fax to:

Attention: Maywan Krach Environmental Coordination Services Community Development Resource Agency 3091 County Center Drive, Suite 190 Auburn, CA 95603 (530) 745-3132 (530) 745-3003 (fax)

- Submit comments via email to mkrach@placer.ca.gov.
- Submit comments by the deadline: May 24, 2007

What happens next:

After comments are received from the public and reviewing agencies, DPW may (1) give environmental approval to the proposed action, (2) undertake additional environmental studies, or (3) abandon the project. If the proposed action is given environmental approval and funding is appropriated, the DPW could design and construct all or part of the project.

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Provide improved pedestrian, bicycle, and parking facilities within the Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project Area; and improve State Route 28 from the intersection of State Route 267 to 2.2 kilometer (1.4 miles) east to Chipmunk Street

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List of Acronyms

ANSI American National Standards Institute

Basin Plan Water Quality Standards and Control Measures for the Lake

Tahoe Basin

BAT/BCT Best Available Technology Economically Achievable/Best

Conventional Technology

BMPs best management practices

Caltrans
CCIP
Commercial Core Improvement Project
CDFG
California Department of Fish and Game
CEQA
California Environmental Quality Act

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
CIP Community Involvement Plan

CIPP Community Involvement and Participation Plan

CNEL community noise equivalent level

Code of Ordinances

Community Plan Kings Beach Community Plan

community right-to-know laws Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act Title III

County General Plan El Dorado County General Plan

County Placer County
CP Community Plan

CRHR California Register of Historical Resources

CWA Clean Water Act

dB decibel

dBA A-Weighted Decibel

DEA/DEIR/DEIS draft environmental assessment/environmental impact

report/environmental impact statement

DPR California Department of Parks and Recreation

EA environmental assessment

EA/EIR/EIS environmental assessment/environmental impact

report/environmental impact statement

EIP Environmental Improvement Plan

EIR environmental impact report

EIS environmental impact statement
EMTs emergency medical technicians
EPA U.S. Environmental Protection Act

ESCC Environmental Standards Carrying Capacity

FHWA Federal Highway Administration

General Plan Placer County General Plan

HCP habitat conservation plan

IEC International Electrotechnical Institute

KBCC Kings Beach Commercial Core KBCP Kings Beach Community Plan

LDL Larson Davis Laboratories
Ldn day-night sound level
Leq equivalent sound level

Lmin and Lmax minimum and maximum sound levels

LOS Level-of-Service

LRWQCB Lahontan Region Water Quality Control Board

LTBMU Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit

Lxx Exceedance Sound Level

MDB&M Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian

MEP Maximum Extent Practicable
MOA Memorandum of Agreement

NAC noise abatement criteria

NCCP natural communities conservation plan
NEPA National Environmental Policy Act

NOI notice of intent

NPDES National Pollution Discharge Elimination System

NTFPD North Tahoe Fire Protection District
NTPUD North Tahoe Public Utility District

PAS Plan Area Statements
PRC Public Resources Code

proposed action The Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project
Protocol Caltrans Traffic Noise Analysis Protocol for New Highway

Construction and Reconstruction Projects

RCRA Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

ROW right-of-way

RTP Regional Transportation Plan

SEZ stream environment zones
SQIP Scenic Quality Improvement

SR State Route

SRA State Recreation Area

Superfund The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation,

and Liability Act

SWPPP stormwater pollution prevention plan SWRCB State Water Resources Control Board

TAC Technical Advisory Committee
TART Tahoe Area Regional Transit
TRPA Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
TTC Temporary Traffic Control

USACE U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

USFS U.S. Forest Service